

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 1514 - SB 1730

February 12, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Tyler Head Law which requires the Department of Transportation to establish a driving under the influence (DUI) memorial signing program for the erection and maintenance of memorial signs within the rights-of-way of the state highway system and the state's portion of the interstate system commemorating persons who have died as a result of a vehicular accident caused by a driver under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or other intoxicant. Authorizes an immediate family member of a deceased victim to request a memorial sign within one year from the date of conviction of the driver.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 10, 2016, a fiscal note was issued estimating the fiscal impact as follows:

Increase State Expenditures - \$14,600/Highway Fund

The fiscal note is being corrected to include updated numbers subsequently provided by the Department of Safety. The corrected fiscal impact is as follows:

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Increase State Expenditures – \$4,700/Highway Fund

Corrected Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, from 2012 to 2014, the average number of persons who died as a result of vehicular accidents caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol were 73; by drivers under the influence of drugs were 84; for a total average of 157 per year. These numbers are assumed to remain constant in subsequent years.
- According to the Department of Transportation (TDOT), there is no allowance under the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for general safety campaign message signs like those proposed by this bill.
- TDOT designs signage that will receive approval by the Federal Highway Administration, thus allowing the proposed memorial signing program to be fully implemented.

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- According to TDOT, each sign would increase state expenditures from the Highway Fund by approximately \$150.
- Immediate family members of 20 percent of the 157 annual fatalities would request signage be erected in the victim's name for a total of 31 signs per year (157 fatalities x 0.20).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Highway Fund is estimated to be \$4,650 (\$150 per sign x 31 signs).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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